

Provided by Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel

Billy Vander Vorst

May 25, 1932 ~ March 21, 2018 (age 85)



Services

A service summary is not available

Services for Billy D. Vander Vorst, 85, of Groton and formerly of Claremont will be 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 28th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Bill Duncan will officiate. Burial will follow in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. There will be a reception following at the Groton Community Center.

Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel from 5-7 p.m., on Tuesday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Billy passed away March 21, 2018 at Sun Dial Manor, Bristol, SD.

Billy was born May 25, 1932 at his home near Strasburg, ND, to Edward C. and Minnie (Vander Laan) Vander Vorst. He farmed with his father and then moved and worked as a farmhand on farms in North Dakota and South Dakota. He married Sylvia Corrine Droog on June 10, 1953 in Hull, ND. To this union seven children were born. After moving to Claremont, SD in 1971 he worked for Rodney Barnes for seven years before seeking employment at Horton's in Britton, SD for nine years. He retired in 2009 after being employed at Doctor's Feed Lot for twenty three years. He and Corrine moved to Groton in 2013.

He could fix anything, no challenge was too big. He enjoyed hunting, playing dominoes and reading Louie L'Amour books. He was patient, kind and always content.

He was a member of the Amherst Reformed Church, his faith was very important to him.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years; his children, Donald (Virgie) Vander Vorst, Claremont, SD; Wynella (Neal) Abeln, Groton, SD; Charlene (Leslie) Erickson, Langford, SD; Darrell (Lori) Vander Vorst, Amherst, SD; Ricky (Bonnie) Vander Vorst, Claremont, SD; Byron Vander Vorst, LaMesa, CA., eighteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, five brothers and two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Elroy; his sister, Sylvia Nieuwsma; brother-in-laws, Eldon Droog and Ernie Geffre; sister-in-laws, Mary Lou Lamb and Polly Vander Vorst; one niece and two nephews.

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